

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment-D, claims 5 and 7 are pending in the present application, of which both claims 5 and 7 are independent. Claims 5 and 7 are amended herein to include those limitations of now canceled claims 18 and 19 respectively, which the Examiner has indicated contain allowable subject matter. In addition, claims 1, 10, 12, 18 and 19 are canceled.

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention. No new matter is added to the application and the amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure.

The above-identified Office Action has been reviewed, the applied references carefully considered, and the Examiner's comments carefully weighed. In view thereof, the present Amendment-E is submitted. It is contended that by the present amendment, all bases of objection and rejection set forth in the Office Action have been traversed and overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Based on all of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully submits that all of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action are overcome, and that as presently amended, all of the pending claims are believed to be allowable over all of the references of record, whether considered singly or in combination. The applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record, and allowance of the pending claims.

If any issues remain unresolved, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephonically contact the applicant's undersigned representative to expeditiously resolve prosecution of the application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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